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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): TAKIMOTO et al.

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b)

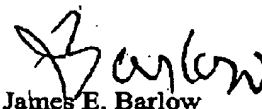
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48 (b) applicant hereby petitions that Masahiro TAKIMOTO be deleted as named inventor because, as a result of the Response to Restriction Requirement filed concurrently herewith on March 17, 2005, Masahiro TAKIMOTO is no longer an inventor of the invention being claimed.

A check for the requisite fee of \$130 is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i). Although no additional fees are believed to be due, authorization is hereby given to charge any unforeseen fees to deposit account 50-1147.

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Respectfully submitted,


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